

ANTIETAM ENTERTAINMENT

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Tim & Kristi Rotz
Antietam Entertainment LLC
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Dear Senator Guy Guzzone & Senator Jim Rosapepe,

My name is Kristi Rotz, and together my husband and I own and operate Antietam Entertainment LLC, a dinner theatre in Hagerstown, MD. Together, we strongly support SB 533, which would repeal the 10% Admission & Amusement Tax in Washington County.

While the cost of food, labor and materials continue to rise, in order to maintain our business, so do our prices. A large demographic of our patrons are senior citizens on a fixed income, and the 10% Admission & Amusement tax is negatively affecting the affordability of family friendly entertainment in Washington County.

The issue of this Admission & Amusement tax is exacerbated by the fact that we live in the Tri-State area and are among the only county to impose such a tax. This causes both confusion and frustration from our patrons, especially considering our neighboring Frederick County (also in MD) does not impose such a tax. Our box office staff is often met with hostility and questioning, as customers find it hard to understand why we are charging them a 10% Admission & Amusement tax instead of the standard 6% sales tax in MD.

For the above mentioned reasons, we respectfully and without reservation urge the repeal of Washington County's local Admission & Amusement Tax. Both business owners and customers alike in Washington County will be greatly served by the passing of this bill.

Sincerely,

Tim & Kristi Rotz

Owners at Antietam Entertainment LLC

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